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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE:

Please ~~delete~~ the title of the invention and insert therefor:

--- SURFACE-ENHANCED LASER DESORPTION/IONIZATION FOR
DESORPTION AND DETECTION OF ANALYTES ---

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

On ~~Page~~ 1, ~~line~~ 3, please insert:

-- This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial no.

08/068,896, filed May 28, 1993, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference. --

On page 4, line 16, following "2299" insert -- -2301 --.

On page 4, line 19, change "(in press)" to -- 18:841-843 (1989) --.

On page 9, line 4, change "crosslineated" to -- cross-linked --.

On page 15, line 6, change "1A" to -- 1, top profile, --.